

Utah Wildlife Board Electronic Meeting

August 27, 2020, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

The Board Meeting will stream live at <https://youtu.be/dKeevoc88vM>

AGENDA

Thursday, August 27, 2020, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Byron Bateman, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Kevin Albrecht, Vice-Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Kevin Albrecht, Vice-Chairman | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2020-2021
– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2020-2021
– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. Proposed Sensitive Species Recommendations
– Kimberly Hersey, DWR Mammal Conservation Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. Expo Permit Audit
– Kenny Johnson, Administration Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 9. Expo Contract
– Kenny Johnson, Administration Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 10. Expo Permit Allocation
– Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 11. Expo Permit Rule Amendments
– Kenny Johnson, Administration Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 12. Other Business
– Byron Bateman, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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¹ Utah Code Section 52-4-207(4).

² Executive Order Suspending the Enforcement of Provisions of Utah Code §§ 52-4-202 and 52-4-207, and Related State Agency Orders, Rules, and Regulations, Due to Infectious Disease COVID-19 Novel, March 18,

2020.

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Wildlife Board Motions

Following is a summary of Wildlife Board motions directing the Division to take action and the response to date:

Fall 2020 – Target Date – Premium Fishing Areas

MOTION: To have the division look into the possibility of designating premium fishing areas - that allow artificial flies and lures only- to have increased license requirements and fees and to bring the information back during the next recommendation cycle.

Motion made by:
Byron Batemen
Assigned to:
Randy Oplinger
Action: Under
Study
Status: Pending
Placed on Action Log: September 27, 2018

APPROVED

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Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda for the August 27, 2020 meeting.

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 4, June 25 and July 14, 2020 Wildlife Board Meetings.

3) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2020-2021 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2020-2021 as presented by the Division.

4) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2020-2021 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed 5:1. Bret Selman opposed.

MOTION: I move that we extend the Limited Entry Season dates by 30 days on the Oquirrh-Stansbury, East and Wasatch Mountains, West-Strawberry units.

The following motion was made by Bret Selman, seconded by Wade Heaton.

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the Cougar Recommendations as presented by the Division.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that the Southwest Manti unit remain a split season and keep the permit numbers at 18.

The motion was then amended by Bret Selman, seconded by Randy Dearth.

MOTION: I move that we amend the motion to include clarifying the definition of a kitten.

The amended motion then passed unanimously, as well as the original motion.

5) Proposed Sensitive Species Recommendations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we table the recommendations until the October 1, 2020 Wildlife Board Meeting, and schedule an educational work session in the meantime. The Work Session was scheduled for September 16, 2020.

6) Expo Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Audit as presented.

7) Expo Contract (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Contract extension as presented.

8) Expo Permit Allocation (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit list with the addition that all permits are available to both Residents and Non-Residents for the length of the contract.

9) Expo Permit Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Rule Amendments as presented.

10) Other Business (**Contingent**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look at any new hunting technology since the last update to the Board, and report on it. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

Byron Bateman – Chairman	Karl Hirst
Kevin Albrecht – Vice-Chairman	Donnie Hunter
Mike Fowlks – Exec Secretary	Randy Dearth
	Wade Heaton
	Bret Selman

RAC Chairs

Central – Brock McMillan
Southern – Brayden Richmond
Southeastern – Trisha Hedin
Northeastern – Brett Prevedel
Northern – Justin Oliver

Division Personnel

Mike Canning	Rory Reynolds	Dax Mangus
Ashley Green	Kenny Johnson	Randy Wood
Robin Goodman	Darrin DeBoois	Riley Peck
Greg Hansen	Justin Shannon	Guy Wallace
Marty Bushman	Kimberly Hersey	Teresa Griffin
Chris Wood	Staci Coons	J Shirley
Ben Nadolski	Paige Wiren	
Kevin Bunnell	Paul Gedge	
Miles Hanberg	Mike Christensen	
Jason Vernon		

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- 00:00:01** Chairman Bateman called the meeting to order, read a public service announcement, took a roll call and thanked the public for submitting comments.
- 00:03:34** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda for the August 27, 2020 meeting.
- 00:04:29** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 4, June 25 and July 14, 2020 Wildlife Board Meetings.
- 00:00:00** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
There were no items to discuss from the Action Log.
- 00:05:18** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
Mike Fowlks updated the Board on COVID-19 impact within the Division, introduced a new staff member, and gave Habitat, Conservation Outreach, Law Enforcement, Wildlife and Administrative Services Section updates.
- 5) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2020-2021 (Action)**
Darren DeBloois gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.
- 00:14:14** **Public Comments**
Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.
- 00:14:59** **Board/RAC Questions**
There were no questions from the Board or RAC members.
- 00:15:31** **RAC Recommendations**
All RACs unanimously passed the recommendations.
- 00:17:04** **Board Discussion**
There was no discussion from the Board.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2020-2021 as presented.

6) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2020-2021 (Action)

Darren DeBlois gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website. During the online meeting, Darren presented recommendation amendments.

00:21:30 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked a question about maintaining resident opportunity given the scope of the HB-125 directive.

00:23:40 Public Comments

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

00:24:47 Board/RAC Questions

The board asked for clarification on the public comment summary, and asked about specific unit data.

00:30:43 RAC Recommendations

Each RAC passed the cougar recommendations and rule amendments with varying dissent and stipulations.

00:39:57 Board Discussion

Karl Hirst asked the Division if “spot and stalk” permits would affect bonus points.

The Board discussed cougar permit types and permit harvest limits, limited entry permit units and season dates, and the guidebook definition of a cougar kitten.

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed 5:1. Bret Selman opposed.

MOTION: I move that on The Oquirrh Stansbury East and the Wasatch Strawberry units the limited entry first season be extended by 30 days.

The following motion was made by Bret Selman, seconded by Wade Heaton.

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented.

The motion was then amended by Bret Selman, seconded by Randy Dearth. Both the original and the amended motions passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we amend the motion to include clarifying the definition of “kitten.”

7) Proposed Sensitive Species Recommendations (Action)

Kimberly Hersey gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

01:03:12 Public Comments

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

01:03:56 Division Clarification

Kim Hersey explained that the Division would consider removing bison and big horn sheep from the sensitive species list.

01:05:37 Board Questions

The Board asked questions about the scope of protection of species on the proposed list, and how the listing would allow the Division to better monitor species.

01:09:37 Board Discussion

The Board expressed concerns about perceived potential negative impacts that Utah species listings could have on communities if a Utah listing prompted a subsequent federal listing. The Board also discussed the process of determining what species are added to the list prior to the list being presented to the Board.

01:14:06 Division Clarification

Kim Hersey identified different Wildlife Sensitive Species Advisory Committee agency and organization representatives, defended the value of Utah sensitive species listing and gave examples of state-listed versus federally-listed species.

01:19:29 Board Discussion

The Board suggested changes to the Utah listing process, to include moving the recommendations through the RACs for input.

The Board expressed that they needed to learn more about the new recommended species added to the list before they felt confident voting on the list, and scheduled a learning session with the Division.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we table the recommendations until the October 1st Wildlife Board Meeting and schedule an educational work session in the meantime. The Work Session was scheduled for September 16, 2020

8) Expo Permit Audit (Action)

Kenny Johnson gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

01:42:56 Public Comments

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online

presentation.

01:44:30 Board Questions

There were no questions from the Board.

01:44:50 Board Discussion

Karl Hirst, Wade Heaton and Chairman Bateman commended the Division on the quality of audit.

Kenny Johnson thanked the Board for its support of the Expo.

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Audit as presented.

9) Expo Contract (Action)

Kenny Johnson gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

01:49:08 Public Comments

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

01:49:42 Board Questions

The Board asked for clarification on the length of the proposed contract extension, and if any other organization has considered taking over the Expo.

01:51:51 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Contract extension as presented.

10) Expo Permit Allocation (Action)

Justin Shannon gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

01:52:50 Public Comments

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

01:53:16 Board Questions

There were no questions from the Board.

01:53:19 Board Discussion

Karl Hirst noted that two of the big horn sheep permits were allocated to Non-Residents. He voiced his opinion that those, and all permits, should be made

available to Residents, and none limited to Non-Residents.

Wade Heaton asked the Division for clarification on contractual obligation regarding Resident and Non-Resident permits.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit list with the addition that all permits are available to both Residents and Non-Residents for the length of the contract.

11) Expo Permit Rule Amendment (Action)

Kenny Johnson gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

01:59:24 Public Comments

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

01:59:41 Board Questions

The Board asked for clarification on the rule amendment.

02:01:09 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Rule Amendments as presented.

02:02:08 12) Other Business (Contingent)

Darren DeBlois clarified information regarding the cougar recommendations.

The Board agreed to an educational work session date and time.

Kevin Albrecht requested a briefing from the Division to update the Board on new and emerging hunting technology.

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look at any new hunting technology since the last update to the Board, and report on it. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

The Board expressed gratitude and appreciation for the Division's media production team.

02:12:36 Meeting adjourned.